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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SOVIET SUPPLY OF PHARMACEUTICALS

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1. COMMATT USED OCCASION OF NOVEMBER 13 MEETING WITH MEDEXPORT VICE PRESIDENT B.M LEVIN TO RAISE IN GENERAL TERMS POSSIBILITY OF FDA INSPECTIONS OF SOVIET PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTION FACILITIES.

2. LEVIN, WHO APPEARED QUITE FAMILIAR WITH FDA PROCEDURES, POINTED OUT THAT FOREIGN NATIONALS FREQUENTLY VISIT SOVIET PHARMACEUTICAL PLANTS, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SAY THAT THESE VISITS WERE SPECIFICALLY FOR PURPOSE OF INSPECTING PLANTS IN QUESTION. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION "IN PRINCIPLE" TO FDA INSPECTIONS BUT THAT EACH SUCH INSPECTION WOULD HAVE TO BE HANDLED ON ITS MERITS.

3. COMMENT: LEVIN'S REACTION WAS CONSISTENT WITH EMBASSY'S JUDGEMENT (REF B) THAT SOVIETS WOULD PROBABLY BE PREPARED GO ALONG WITH FDA INSPECTION OF SOME PHARMACEUTICAL PLANTS IF PRICE WERE RIGHT (IN FORM OF LARGE, LONG-TERM SALES CONTRACT).

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